

Decrease in U. S. Debts Is Planned

Treasury Department Outlines Method for Continuation of Campaign to Lower Public Debt.

No Mention of Loans

By GRAFTON S. WILCOX.

Washington, June 24.—Definite plans have been framed by the Treasury department for further substantial reduction of the \$22,950,000,000 public debt.

Having already reduced the debt since it reached its highest point during the world war by \$3,600,000,000, treasury officials propose to cut it down appreciably during the next few years by the following methods:

1. The provision in each year's budget for the creation of a sinking fund to be established by the ordinary receipts of the government.

Will Sell Surplus.

2. Realization from the sales of war surplus materials by the shipping board, the War and Navy departments.

3. The moneys derived from the liquidation of the War Finance corporation, the federal land banks and the obligations of the carriers acquired during government control of the railroads.

In outlining the treasury's plan for reducing the public debt, which has the endorsement of Secretary Mellon, Under Secretary of the Treasury Gilbert did not touch the possibilities of the United States using funds derived through the refunding of the \$11,000,000,000 allied debt. It is significant that no mention whatever has been made of this source of possible revenue which, by law, must be applied to the retirement of Liberty loan bonds outstanding.

Debt Is Decreased.

The \$3,600,000,000 reduction had been accomplished by cutting down the average balance in the general fund from \$1,400,000,000 to \$400,000,000 and applying it to the liquidation of the debt; the application of about \$200,000,000 or repayments by foreign governments; and the retirement of Liberty bonds in accordance with the requirements of the Liberty bond acts; the receipts of funds from salvage and other realization to debt retirements of about \$1,000,000,000 of surplus tax receipts during the fiscal years 1920, 1921 and 1922, mainly from the sinking fund and other refundable chargeable against ordinary receipts.

"From now on the liquidation of the debt will have to be accomplished chiefly from surplus revenue receipts, and particularly through the sinking fund" and other similar sources, said Under Secretary Gilbert.

"The treasury balance has already been reduced to about as low a figure as is consistent with the proper conduct of the government's business, and there is little expectation of being able to accomplish further reductions by cutting down the working balances in depositories. Some further realization of war assets may be expected, to a limited extent, through the sale of surplus supplies and equipment still held by the War department and Navy department, and the shipping board, but for the most part realization on the government's investments in war emergency corporations such as the War Finance corporation and in securities of various classes, particularly those of federal land banks and the obligations of carriers acquired under the railroad control account and the transportation act.

Need Sinking Fund.

Of the war emergency corporations, the War Finance corporation is now the most substantial and since it is due to expire by limitation on May 31, 1923, the treasury should be able to count on receiving within the next year or two the bulk of its remaining investment in this corporation, amounting to about \$250,000,000. A good part of this sum is already taken up in the estimated ordinary receipts for 1923, but much of it is to be applied in ordinary course to the reduction of the public debt, since it is now reflected in the treasury's borrowings.

The sinking fund and other similar accounts must be relied on, however, to accomplish the most substantial retirements of debt in the years to come, and as to them, the treasury has already established the proposition in the first budget which was submitted to congress by the president in the fall of 1921 that expenditures on this account must be made out of ordinary receipts and be included in the ordinary budget on that basis.

This means that provision must be made for these items of expenditure before the budget can balance, and a balanced budget each year means a reasonable amount of debt retirement out of current revenues. To do otherwise, of course, would make a farce of the sinking fund, for on any other basis purchases of obligations for retirement on this account would accomplish no debt retirement whatever and would simply mean a shifting of borrowings from one form to another."

Board Notifies Omaha Police of Applications for Parole

Lincoln, June 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The Nebraska Parole board is sending the Omaha Police department, the Douglas county trial judge, the Douglas county sheriff and the Douglas county prosecuting attorney a list of every Douglas county prisoner applying for a parole so these officers may make their protests against paroles before the board after they are granted.

The law specifies that the trial judge, sheriff and county attorney shall be notified. The board is going even further and notifying the police department of Omaha.

One of Wealthiest Men in America Dies



Brother of Oil Magnate Succumbs

William Rockefeller, Millionaire Oil Magnate, Dies of Pneumonia at Age of 81 Years.

Tarrytown, N. Y., June 24.—(By A. P.)—William Rockefeller, oil magnate and brother of John D. Rockefeller, died here today from pneumonia, shortly before 7 o'clock.

Mr. Rockefeller had been ill at his home, Rockwood hall, in North Tarrytown, since Sunday, but word of his condition was not made public.

Five doctors, under the charge of Dr. W. J. Robertson, were in attendance when he died. The Rockefeller family were assembled at the death bed.

Contracts Heavy Cold.

Mr. Rockefeller, who contracted a heavy cold during the rains of the last week-end, had just completed building a \$250,000 mausoleum in the Sleepy Hollow cemetery. The mausoleum was constructed according to his own plans and under his personal direction.

Mr. Rockefeller, who was 81, had not recently been active in business, although he was the active head of the Standard Oil company of New York from its establishment in 1865 until 1911. Although somewhat over-shadowed by his elder brother, John D. Rockefeller, William was one of the richest men in America.

Finally Located.

Almost the only time when his activities claimed much newspaper space was in 1912 and 1913, when the congressional committee investigating "the money trust" combed the country for him as a witness. He was finally located at Nassau, Bahamas islands, and returned to Florida when an effort was made to question him, later he was seized with such spasms of coughing that the committee was warned by his physicians that it might cause his death.

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100 Per Cent Record on Air Mail Division

The central division of the air mail service is now on its sixth consecutive week of 100 per cent performance, according to a report made by A. R. Dumphy, division superintendent.

Mail planes on this division have flown 2,250 miles per day, six days a week, a total of 74,250 miles during this period. The mileage represents a distance nearly three times around the world without the loss of a single mile scheduled to be flown.

The average cost of operations during the 10 months ending April 30 for the three divisions was as follows:

Central Division—64.1 cents per mile.
Eastern Division—50.1 cents per mile.
Western Division—52.7 cents per mile.

The figures were compiled from the Postoffice department report.

Knoxville (Ia.) Buildings Are Destroyed by Fire

Knoxville, Ia., June 24.—Fire of unknown origin, starting at 1:30 o'clock this morning, destroyed eight business houses in the center of this city with a loss estimated at more than \$200,000. A high wind caused the flames to spread rapidly and the fire was not brought under control until 6:30 o'clock this morning. Two firemen were slightly injured by falling walls.

Realtor Advertising

A realtor is a member of the Omaha Real Estate Board.

He is a firm believer in advertising, both for his individual offerings and for the real estate business in general.

Today in The Bee "Want" ad section you will find listed in convenient form selected homes, investments, lots, acreage property, apartments, houses, etc., from practically every member of the Omaha Real Estate Board.

Senators Denounce Mine War

"Free America" Workers Are Denied Employment by "Invisible Government."

President Is Hopeful

Omaha Bee Special Wire.

Washington, June 24.—The Illinois mine outrages were declared by Senator Myers, Montana, democrat, in a senate speech today to be proof that there is no "free America," and denounced as more horrible than German atrocities of the world war.

"These disorders," said Senator Myers, "are justification for the assertion that there can be no free America as long as American citizens can not work where, when, for whom and at whatever price they choose without seeking the consent of an invisible government—an organized minority."

Worse Than Germans.

Senator Myers read at length from the accounts of the Herrin mine outrages and declared them to be "more horrible than those committed by the Germans during the war atrocities, which men stood here on this floor and condemned in the most vigorous fashion."

Most of the victims of the Illinois "massacre," Senator Myers said, were "men guilty only of the crime of exercising their constitutional right of earning an honest day's wages."

President Harding still is watching developments in the disturbed strike results keenly and hoping for good results from the effort he announced yesterday that the government is making to end the coal conflict.

Plan Not Announced.

No official announcement has been made as to the details of the government's plan. It is understood that it provided for intervention by the government with a straight proposal for arbitration by a commission appointed by the president. This commission would adjust wages, fix the terms of a new contract and provide that the scale to be adopted shall be retroactive.

The first move to be made, according to White House information, is a conference between operators and the miners in the bituminous field looking to a settlement of the strike. If this conference deadlocks, as the administration confidently expects it to, then the president will step in, it is stated, with his proposal for arbitration.

It is now believed in government circles, as a result of conferences between cabinet officials and representatives of the operators on the one hand and the miners on the other, that both sides of the wage controversy will be willing to accept arbitration, if strongly urged to do so by the president.

Intervention Not Popular.

Not all the operators, it is said, are disposed to agree to government intervention, but it is well understood by the president and his advisers that if any considerable number of them, in what is known as the central competitive field, respond favorably to a White House appeal for peace in the coal industry, the remainder of them will be induced to go along.

Estimates of government experts are that the strike already has cost the country approximately half a billion dollars in lost wages, loss to operators and decreased business of the public.

Senator Bursum, New Mexico, republican, joined Senator Myers in holding the state authorities to blame for failure to take measures necessary to deal adequately with the situation.

"If all these men who attacked the mine had been deprived of arms and ammunition, and peace had been maintained, the situation would have been different," he said.

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Pennsylvania Reports Many Deaths From Colds

Harrisburg, Pa., June 24.—"Spring colds are dangerous and not mere sniffles," was the comment of the State Health Commissioner, Dr. Edward Martin, in announcing that out of 11,738 deaths in Pennsylvania during the month of March, 1,018 were due to influenza and 2,015 to pneumonia. The statistics were announced recently by the state bureau of vital statistics.

Tuberculosis has a death toll of 812; Bright's disease 925, and cancer 669. There were 821 children under 2 years old died during the month. Births totaled 19,721, as compared with 21,333 in March of 1921.

Prominent Seattle Man Was Victim of Massacre

Seattle, Wash., June 24.—John E. Shoemaker, prominent Seattle engineer, former assistant engineer of the port of Seattle and at one time president of the Seattle Master Builders' association, was killed in the mine rioting at Herrin, Ill., Tuesday, according to word received here today. Trustees of the Federated Industries of Washington, of which Shoemaker was at one time an officer, today unanimously adopted resolutions calling on the governor of Illinois to take action in an effort to bring to justice the men responsible for his death.

Local Thunder Showers Due Middle of Next Week

Washington, June 24.—Weather outlook for the week beginning Monday:

Upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys: Generally fair and warm, but with probability of local thunder showers by middle of week.

Rocky mountain and plateau regions: Generally fair, with temperature above normal.

Japan Seals Pledge to Aid in World Peace

Tokio, June 24.—(By A. P.)—Japan today sealed her pledge to promote world peace, taken at the limitation of armament conference at Washington, by declaring her final decision to withdraw her troops from Siberia and announcing to the world a policy of nonaggression.

The diplomatic advisory council at Tokio fixed October 30 as the day when the last Japanese soldier must be out of the maritime province of Siberia, while a foreign official declared that the decision was intended to please Japan on record as a "non-aggressive nation, striving to maintain the peace of the world."

The diplomatic advisory council's approval of yesterday's cabinet decision is said to have been the logical outcome of Admiral Baron Kato's accession to the premiership.

Kato, who led the Japanese delegation to the Washington arms conference, returned to Tokio thoroughly imbued with the spirit of that gathering and strongly in favor of his country adopting a non-aggressive policy.

Jury Frees Governor of Illinois

Waukegan, Ill., June 24.—(By A. P.)—Governor Len Small today was found not guilty by a jury in the Lake county circuit court, where he was tried on charges of conspiracy to embezzle interest on public monies while serving as state treasurer.

The jury was out an hour and 35 minutes.

Cheers shook the rafters of the ancient Lake county court house greeted the verdict. Friends by scores poured through the gates to the bar enclosure seeking to grasp the governor's hands.

The flashlights of a half dozen photographers boomed and for minutes pandemonium reigned.

The trial lasted just nine weeks. The case grew out of alleged misuse of state funds in 1917 and 1918 while the governor was state treasurer, and in 1919 and 1920 during the term of Lieutenant Governor Fred E. Sterling as treasurer.

Miners in Iowa Stop Production Near Pershing

Scores of Automobiles Loaded With Strike Sympathizers Force Closing of Wagon Coal Mines.

Knoxville, Ia., June 24.—(By A. P.)—The first demonstration of union sympathizers in Iowa since the coal strike started nearly three months ago today resulted in the closing of approximately a dozen small non-union wagon mines.

Early this morning, following a mass meeting last night of striking miners at the nearby mining town of Pershing, scores of automobiles loaded with strike sympathizers started out visiting all the non-union mines operating within a radius of approximately 20 miles.

Ordered To Quit.

Workers in the non-union mines were told to quit work. In all instances, according to reports, these requests were immediately complied with.

In a number of instances, operators of the non-union mines learned of the coming visit of the strike sympathizers and closed their mines. In several other instances, it is reported that the working miners ran for their homes when they saw the many automobiles loaded with strike sympathizers headed for the mines in which they were employed.

The number of automobiles and occupants is variously estimated. Reports from Pershing state that about 600 men in scores of automobiles left for the vicinity of Knoxville, where there were approximately half a dozen mines in operation. They returned about noon.

Report No Violence.

It was later reported that another group of approximately the same number left for Bussey, in the southwest corner of Marion county, where there are a number of other small non-union mines.

Members of the party decline to say who acted as their spokesmen or leader. All of them say, however, that there was no violence.

It is estimated that there were approximately 400 men employed in the non-union mines within a radius of 50 miles of Pershing, where the agitation to close these mines appears to have had its origin.

The total output from all the non-union mines in this vicinity is estimated at about five carloads a day.

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Canton, Ill., June 24.—(By A. P.)—Traveling by automobile, forces of union coal miners, in parties variously estimated at between 12 and 100, covered all of Fulton county today and stopped the operation of every strip mine. No violence was shown, it is reported, and every strip mine worker stopped work without argument.

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Waukegan, Ill., June 24.—Troops held in readiness to proceed to the scene of the mine massacre in Williamson county, in case of a renewal of the disturbances, were ordered demobilized tonight by Governor Len Small. The governor said that his information indicated that law and order had been restored by the local authorities and that the situation was quiet.

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8:45 A. M.—Market reports.
9:00 A. M.—Market reports.
9:15 A. M.—Market reports.
9:30 A. M.—News bulletin.
10:45 A. M.—Market reports.
10:55 A. M.—News bulletin.
11:30 P. M.—Market reports.
11:45 P. M.—News bulletin.
12:30 P. M.—Market reports.
1:15 P. M.—Market reports.
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"Here's a Few Dollars We Saved You"

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Martial Law Proclaimed in Berlin

Assassination of Dr. Walter Rathenau, German Foreign Minister, Causes General Uproar.

Unions Planning Strike

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Berlin, June 24.—Martial law and a state of siege were proclaimed in Berlin today following the assassination of Dr. Walter Rathenau, the German foreign minister, this morning.

The murderers, who were waiting for Dr. Rathenau at his door, followed his automobile in another motor. As the foreign minister's car was passing a crossing they fired eight revolver shots and hurled a hand grenade at their victim. Dr. Rathenau was killed instantly.

The assassins, of whom it is stated there were three, escaped in their automobile.

City in Uproar.

The report of the crime spread rapidly throughout Berlin, causing a general uproar. Crowds gathered in the streets, discussing the necessity of a general strike which was being prepared by the labor unions.

All the roads to Berlin are being guarded by strong detachments of police, who are controlling train and automobile traffic to prevent demonstrators from marching on the capital.

A feeling of anxiety, "Who is next?" pervades the town where the recent prophecy of the Freiheit and other socialist newspapers that a general slaughtering of the leading men of the new German republic, was scheduled for the end of this week is still creating a sensation and a general thrill of fear.

Fight in Reichstag.

When the assassination was announced the reichstag members adhering to the left turned on the nationalists, yelling, "You are the spirit of the murder!"

A free-for-all fight ensued in which General Schoch, a member of the German people's party, and Karl Helfferich were badly mauled. The reichstag adjourned until the afternoon, the socialists claiming that they will not let the nationalists hold their big meeting, announced for today. Today is St. John's day, an old German festival, which is celebrated by bonfires and speeches in Berlin and Potsdam. The police yesterday announced that they would not permit any demonstrations.

Numerous Bavarian hot heads have been in Berlin of late. The police have clues that members of the association which murdered Dr. Erzberger were present and also Herr Escherich, organizer of the home guard, which was officially dissolved by the minister, Gen. Von der Tann and others.

Funeral of Wilson Will Be Held Monday

London, June 24.—(By A. P.)—The funeral of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, will be held next Monday in St. Paul's cathedral, the empire's military pantheon. The body will be interred in the north transept, beside the grave of Field Marshal Lord Roberts. Full military honors will be accorded the dead soldier.

The two men arrested as assassins of Field Marshal Wilson were arraigned on a charge of murder yesterday and formally remanded for a week in order to enable further investigation.

Thus far responsible republicans in Ireland who have spoken regarding the assassination, including Eamon de Valera, have disavowed any knowledge of the crime or its perpetrators.

De Valera tonight, however, issued a political manifesto in which he denounced the policy of the British government and that of Ulster as the cause of such outrages.

Mail Carriers Must Wear Badges on Caps by New Order

Washington, June 24.—Every city and village mail carrier in the United States—and there are about 45,000 of them—will be required in the future to provide himself with a cap number or badge bearing the number of the carrier's route and the name of the postoffice, under an order issued yesterday by First Assistant Postmaster General Bartlett.

The carriers will be obliged to pay for the badges themselves, the department estimating that about 15 cents is a fair price for such an adornment.

Ballots for Referendum Election to Cost \$10,000

Lincoln, June 24.—(Special Telegram.)—W. L. Gaston, assistant secretary of state, issued a warning to those interested in the referendum election for laws passed by the last legislature that if arguments were not cut down it would cost the state thousands of dollars.

Arguments on referendum propositions are permitted. The printing is paid for by those interested, but the state must pay postage. Printing of ballots, demanded by the Nonpartisan league, will cost approximately \$10,000.

Loses Fingers in Shelter.

Beatrice, Neb., June 24.—(Special.)—The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Holben of the Adams vicinity suffered three crushed fingers when his hand became caught in the cogs of a corn-sheller while playing about the machine. The fingers were so badly crushed that they had to be amputated.

The Weather

Forecast.

Sunday, fair and cooler.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m. 72 1 p. m. 82
8 a. m. 71 2 p. m. 81
9 a. m. 70 3 p. m. 80
10 a. m. 69 4 p. m. 79
11 a. m. 68 5 p. m. 78
12 noon 67 6 p. m. 77